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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Illegal mining of Laterite in Compt. No.632 of Thotapalli Reserve Forest, Yeleswaram Range in East Godavari District – Irregularities noticed – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District** - Articles of Charges – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.33 **Dated:22.05.2023**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.06 (C.No.1563/V&E/NR.1/2015), dated 21.01.2018.
2)Memo.No.887/Sec.IV/A1/2018-4, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 01.01.2019.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District, is informed that he is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District, is informed that the inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the time specified in Para 3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District, is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any

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representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri GVS Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu, presently working as Tahsildar, U. Kothapalli Mandal, Kakinada District (through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri)

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri. (He is requested to serve the order on the individual, obtain his dated acknowledgment on the duplicate copy and resubmit the same to Government for record)
SF/SC (Computer No.1012303)

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ANNEXURE — I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI GVS PRASAD, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PRATHIPADU, PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, U. KOTHAPALLI, KAKINADA DISTRICT

Article of charge:

That the said Sri G.V.S.Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu presently working as Tahsildar, U.Kothapalli, Kakinada District while working as Tahsildar, Prathipadu has accompanied with the team of surveyors comprising of four (4) members who surveyed the proposed mining lease applications applied by Sri P.Veerabadhra Rao, 2) Sri S.V.Narasimha Padal and 3) Srl Y.Rammohan Rao from 09.07.2014 to 03.09.2014 for according permission to excavate laterite in Sy.No. 262/1 of Gajjanapudi Village, Prathipadu mandal.

After demarcation and fixation of boundaries of the proposed areas including the mining lease area in question held by M/s. Parameswari Minerals (Ac.17.59 Cts), the survey team have observed that no excavations was carried out in the mining lease area held by M/s.Parameswari Minerals in the demarcated area and that mining operations were conducted in Thotapalli Reserve Forest area adjacent to Gajjanapudi North side boundary and the same were not reported to the higher officers.

Thus, he failed to report to the higher officers that the mining operations were not carried out in the mining lease area held by M/s. Parameswari Minerals and that excavated pits were observed in Thotapalli Reserve Forest and also regarding existence of Forest Cairns.

Thus, Sri G.V.S.Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu presently working as Tahsildar, U.Kothapalli, Kakinada District has exhibited lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened rule 3 of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964. Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI GVS PRASAD, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PRATHIPADU, PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, U. KOTHAPALLI, KAKINADA DISTRICT

The Vigilance and Enforcement authorities have enquired into the allegation petition filed by Sri Thota Thrimurthulu, Former MLA, Ramachandrapuram alleging against M/s. Parameshwari Minerals represented by Sri P.Rama Krishna about illegal excavation of Laterite in Thotapalli Reserve Forest, Yeleswaram Range, East Godavari district and therefore made certain abstract of recommendations to the Government to take necessary action on the erring officials involved in Mines & Geology, Forest, Survey and Revenue Departments.

Abstract of Recommendations made by V&E Department:

The Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Andhra Pradesh has noticed certain violations in respect of Sri G.V.S.Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu now working as Tahsildar, U.Kothapalli mandal and therefore requested to take disciplinary action against him as per the abstract of recommendations. Hence, the charges framed for his lapses noticed.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI GVS PRASAD, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PRATHIPADU, PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, U. KOTHAPALLI, KAKINADA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Govt. (FAC), G.A.D (V&E) Department, Government of A.P., Velagapudi, Amaravathi Vigilance report No. 06 (C.No.1563 / V&E / NR.1 / 2015, Dated 21.01.2018.
2) Govt.Memo.No.REV.18023/15/2018-VIG-III-REV, dated 14.02.2022 of Revenue (Vigilance. I) Department.
3) Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Ref.No.VS.II(2)/193/2022, dated 06.07.2022.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED SRI GVS PRASAD, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PRATHIPADU, PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, U. KOTHAPALLI, KAKINADA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

The concerned officials of the Vigilance and Enforcement Department of Rajamahendravaram unit who have inspected the illegal mining area in Comp no.632 of Thotapalli Reserve Forest, Yeleswaram Range of Kakinada Division.

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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